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Dates to Remember

**February 4, 2010
SWCD Board Meeting
10 a.m.**

**February 15, 2010
Washington's
Birthday Observed
Offices Closed**

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NEW COST-SHARE PRACTICE FOR FIELD BORDERS NOW AVAILABLE

The Soil & Water Conservation District has a new field border practice available to interested persons. The purpose of this practice may be applied as part of a conservation management system to support one or more of the following: Protect water quality by trapping sediment, chemical and other pollutants and/or reduce erosion from wind and water. These field borders are to be established at the edges of crop fields and to connect other buffer practices within a field.

- Cost-share will be authorized for establishment of field borders at 75% of the county average costs. Borders must be maintained for 5 years and can be hayed.
- A one-time out-of-production incentive payment may be authorized up to \$600 per-acre basis, if the borders are managed according to the NRCS Forage Harvest Management standards.
- Field borders must be established according to NRCS seeding recommendations. End rows must be eliminated to qualify for financial incentives. The maximum width for financial incentives is 60 feet.
- Fertilizer required for the maintenance of the established stand will be applied at the applicant's expense.

If you are interested in cost-share for this practice, please stop by our office to sign up. There are limited funds for this practice and are obligated on a first-come, first-serve basis.

TRAINING CONFERENCE

There were 587 people who attended the 61st Annual Soil & Water Conservation District's Training Conference that was held at the Tan-Tar-A Resort in Osage Beach on Nov. 29-Dec. 1. Of the 114 soil and water districts in Missouri—101 were represented at this conference. This year's conference provided a great opportunity for agencies and organizations involved with districts to get together and discuss what is working and what is not. There were workshops every day for Board supervisors, employees, partner agencies and organizations to help each other understand their role in the partnership better and gain some specific training for their jobs.

NEW PASTURE/HAYLAND

SEEDING

If you are interested in cost-share funds for a new pasture/hayland seeding for spring, you will need to stop by the office to sign up and have the fields checked for eligibility. If eligible, you will need to obtain a soil test and bring it into our office. If lime is a requirement on the soil test, technical staff will determine whether or not it will need to be applied 3 months in advance of the seed being planted depending on the recommendations.

The seeding dates for spring are March 15—May 31, 2010. There can be no nutrients, lime or seed applied and no field work started prior to signing a cost-share contract and having it Board approved.

Please remember to make your request early enough in case you have to apply lime 3 months in advance. Approvals are based upon first-come, first-serve and available funding. You must have at least 5 eligible acres on one tract of land that you are wanting to seed in order to receive state cost-share assistance for a new seeding.

You will be required to complete vendor forms for Direct Deposit of your payment and a 1099 Form that will be issued at the end of the calendar year in which you receive payment. These forms will need to be completed prior to any contract approval.

Missouri Envirothon and FFA Team Up for Pilot Project in 2010

Beginning in 2010, Missouri Envirothon scores for FFA teams will be used for the wildlife qualifying scores for the state FFA awards. Missouri Envirothon and Missouri FFA are coordinating this pilot project, which allows the Missouri FFA to send teams to the national FFA competition to compete in wildlife. The 2010 Envirothon year officially starts with the fall regional competitions being held in October for some of the Missouri Envirothon regions. This means that the Missouri Envirothon will need to be held the week of the Missouri FFA State Convention in 2010. The date selected for the Envirothon is April 13, 2010, at the Runge Nature Center in Jefferson City. Teams still need to qualify to advance from regional competitions to the state competition.

COST-SHARE UPDATE

The cost-share funds for terraces, diversions, waterways, structures and sediment basins were obligated very quickly last fall due to a few nice weeks of weather. The district still has \$17,800 in available funding for new pasture/hayland seedings and \$20,600 for sensitive area field borders. It is unlikely that the district will receive any additional funding for the remainder of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, 2010, from the state program office.

The following policies still remain in effect: 1) a landowner can only receive cost-share every other fiscal year, 2) maximum cost-share is set at \$11,000 per landowner and/or per farm, 3) funds are obligated on a first-come/first-serve basis

A new policy effective immediately: *Any survey notes turned in after June 1, 2010, on fields with crops planted will not have the survey looked at by technical staff until after the crops are out.*

2009-2010 SEEDLING ORDER FORMS AVAILABLE

Seedling order forms from the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) are available at the Nodaway Soil & Water Conservation District office.



For more than 60 years the George O. White State Forest Nursery near Licking, MO, has offered Missouri residents a variety of seedlings for reforestation, windbreaks, erosion control, as well as wildlife food and cover. These seedlings are sold in single specie bundles of 25 and vary greatly in sizes depending on the species. Bundles range from \$4 to \$30, which does not include sales tax or a \$5 handling charge.

The last date that MDC will be accepting orders for shipment is April 30, 2010. All orders must be submitted by mail, internet or fax. No phone orders are accepted. Orders are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis until supplies are depleted and each year many species sell out quickly. If you would like more information on the kinds of trees still available before ordering, you may call 1-800-392-3111. You may order on-line at **mdc.mo.gov/7294**

All trees will be shipped by May 15, 2010, unless other arrangements are made.



WHEAT FACTS

Wheat was first planted in the United States in 1777 as a hobby crop.

The U.S. is the largest exporter of wheat in the world.

A bushel of wheat weighs approximately 60 lbs.

A bushel of wheat makes about 70 one-pound loaves of bread.

Wheat is grown in 42 states in the United States.

Agricultural exports, including high-volume wheat exports, create nearly one million American jobs both on and off the farm.



Information was taken from :
www.smallgrains.org/springwh/June01/trivia/trivia.htm

DISTRICT EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE FOR RENT

DELIVERY AND PICK UP OF THIS EQUIPMENT IS FREE WITHIN THE COUNTY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE, PLEASE CONTACT:

LLOYD NELSON, EQUIPMENT MANAGER, IN SKIDMORE AT 660-928-3411

7 CY ASHLAND EARTH SCRAPER \$150 PER DAY (1 day minimum charge)	4.3 CY TOREQ EARTH SCRAPER \$100 PER DAY (1 day minimum charge)	15 FT JOHN DEERE NO-TILL DRILL WITH SMALL SEED BOX/AGITATOR \$20 PER DAY <u>PLUS</u> \$8 PER ACRE (\$100 minimum charge)	10 FT BRILLION SEEDER \$20 PER DAY <u>PLUS</u> \$6 PER ACRE (\$100 minimum charge)
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UPCOMING SUPERVISOR ELECTIONS

The Nodaway County Soil and Water Conservation District will hold an election for one Supervisor each in Area 1 (Townships include: Lincoln, Nodaway, Green, Monroe) and Area 3 (Townships include: Polk, Jackson, Jefferson) on April 20, 2010. Supervisors of the district administer district policies, programs, personnel, and funds made possible by the 1/10th of one percent parks, soils and water sales tax. During FY '09, (July 1, 2008—June 30, 2009) the district provided \$740,575.48 of cost-share funds to 109 landowners to assist with installing erosion control practices.

Nominating Committees for the election have been established which include:

Area 1— Lloyd Nelson, Skidmore; Marianne Adkins, Elmo; Roy Ed Lyle, Burlington Jct.

Area 3 — Marilyn Buhman, Ravenwood; David Lewis, Ravenwood; Bruce Wiederholt, Maryville

To be a candidate for the Soil and Water Conservation District election, a person shall be:

1. a land representative;
2. a resident taxpaying citizen within the SWCD for two years preceding the election date;
3. a cooperator of the SWCD; (a cooperator is a person who is actively engaged in farming and practices conservation activities related to agriculture)
4. resides in or owns a farm lying in the same territory where the nominating committee has responsibility

District cooperators may submit their names for consideration to the nominating committee by contacting the District Office at 660-582-7125, Ext. 3, or by mail to the Soil & Water Conservation District, 502 W. South Hills Drive, Suite 101, Maryville, MO 64468

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Need Advertising?

If you would like to advertise your business in 2010, now is the time! Our newsletter reaches over 1,900 landowners, businesses and contractors on a quarterly basis and provides our readers with the most current information on programs, cost-share issues, upcoming events, available rental equipment and educational activities taking place. A 1" x 1 1/2" ad is \$75 and a 1" x 3 1/2" ad is \$125. The district cannot accept personal ads for the sale of hay, equipment, etc.